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1. IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY DISCREPANCIES NOTED REFS B AND
C, DCM TOOK OCCASION OF PRESENCE AT UK EMB LUNCHEON MARCH 10
TO DISCUSS KIRALY'S AGE WITH SILVIU BRUCAN. BRUCAN, FORMER
AMBASSADOR TO U.S. (IN 1950'S) AND RCP MEMBER SINCE ILLEGAL
PREWAR DAYS, IS EMINENTLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ALSO STILL
WELL-CONNECTED RELATIONS.

2. BRUCAN SAID BOTH KAROLY AND KIRAELY ARE VERY COMMON
HUNGARIAN NAMES, AND IN FACT THERE ARE TWO KIRALYS INVOLVED.
HE KNEW THE OLD MAN, WHO, AS MIHNEA GHEORGHIU HAD SAID,
HAD ENTERED PARTY AFTER 1944 AS PROTEGE OF VASILE LUCA
(BRUCAN DID NOT PICK UP ON ALLEGATION THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY
BEEN NKVD AGENT); HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN ADMINISTRATION OF
MAGYAR AREAS IN EARLY DAYS, WITH REPUTATION FOR ANTI-ROMANIANISM;
HAD STAYED ON AFTER LUCA'S 1952 TRIAL, LIKE MOST LUCA ASSO-
CIATES (LUCA HIMSELF HAD SPENT SOME SIX YEARS IN PRISON AND
HAD THEN BEEN ALLOWED TO VEGETATE UNTIL HIS DEATH); HAD BEEN
RETIRED A FEW YEARS AGO; AND WAS NOT LIVING PEACEFULLY IN
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HIS RETIREMENT. HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH CURRENT
KIRALY AFFAIR.

3. IN COMPANY, BRUCAN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD YOUNGER KIRAELY WHO
HAD WRITTEN LETTERS WAS NOW DIRECTOR OF SOME FACTORY IN TIMI-
SOARA. WHEN DCM NOTED REPORT THAT HE WAS LIVING IN CARANSEBES
AND HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY WESTERN JOURNALISTS THERE, BRUCAN

RESPONDED MILDLY THAT CARANSEBES WAS NEAR TIMISAORA, SO THIS WAS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE.

4. IN POST-LUNCHEON TETE-A-TETE, HOWEVER, BRUCAN DEMONSTRATED HE WAS MORE UP-TO-DATE THAN HE SEEMED EARLIER. WHEN ASKED HOW WESTERN JOURNALISTS HAD MANAGED TO INTERVIEW KIRALY IF AFFAIRS WAS SO SENSITIVE, HE SAID THEY HAD ENTERED ROMANIA AS TOURISTS RATHER THAN AS JOURNALISTS, JUST LIKE JOURNALISTS WHO HAD GOTTEN INTO JIU VALLEY LAST AUTUMN. IT IS AN OLD TRICK AND IT IS NATURAL THAT THEY SHOULD USE IT.

5. ASKED ABOUT GHEORGIU'S CONFUSION OF TWO KIRALYS, BRUCAN SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH GHEORGHU IS A CC MEMBER, HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT AFFAIR, AND THAT WE SHOULD ADDRESS OURSELVES TO KIRALY'S ADDRESSEE JANOS VINCZE, WHO KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT IT, AND WOULD TALK ABOUT IT "IF HE IS AUTHORIZED TO TALK ABOUT." DCM HAS PUT IN FOR CALL ON VINCZE.
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